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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHILE.

Tocopilla—Nitrate District of Toco—Yellow Fever.

The American consul at Valparaíso reports for the first half of the month of May, 1912, 237 cases of yellow fever, with 85 deaths, at Tocopilla; also 62 cases, with 17 deaths, in the Nitrate District of Toco.

CHINA.

Dairen (Dalny)—Quarantine Precautions against Plague.

Consul Pontius transmits a translation of a notification by the chief of the local marine bureau (Dairen) concerning the disinfection of rat-infested cargo or personal baggage shipped from Shanghai, Amoy, or Hongkong to Dairen, as follows:

DAIREN, (Dalny), *June 3, 1912.*

To the AMERICAN CONSULATE, *Dairen*,
From the CHIEF OF MARINE BUREAU.

You are informed that with reference to the notification issued on September 8, 1911, concerning the destruction of rats in cargo and personal baggage, shipped to this place from the ports of Shanghai or Amoy, the wording of same is now altered so as to include the port of Hongkong as well. The said altered notification will, consequently, take effect on and after this day, the altered wording of same being as follows:

"For the time being, any cargo or personal baggage packed in boxes, baskets, matting, cloth or bags, shipped in a vessel which left or touched the ports of Shanghai, Amoy, or Hongkong, showing any evidence of rats being therein by the condition of the packing, the landing of said cargo or personal baggage will not be permitted unless the rats have been destroyed in the manner provided.

"The process employed in the killing of rats in either a vessel or lighter as provided for by the chief of marine bureau is as follows:

"In the destruction of rats, carbon dioxide gas shall be used in the vessel or lighter. Should the disinfection take place in the lighter, the costs of discharging the cargo shall be paid by the owner of the cargo or personal baggage."

CUBA.

Havana—Plague Situation.

A fatal case of plague occurred in Havana July 12, in the person of a Spaniard living in the area known to be infected. This is the second case which has occurred in the city. The other case, which was previously reported, is convalescing. Reports received July 14 stated that there were no other cases nor suspicious cases in the city, and that of the many rats caught and examined none had so far been found to be plague infected.

For the purposes of quarantine and the prevention of the spread of plague, that part of the city of Havana known as the old city will be considered to be infected. This includes a broad margin of uninfected territory surrounding the limited area of four blocks known to be infected. Deratization has been begun in this area. Special attention is being given to the deratization of wharves and of the section known to be infected.